

THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

JILL LECKRON,

Plaintiff,

v.

CAROLYN W. COLVIN, Acting
Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

CASE NO. C13-5931-JCC

ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff Jill Leckron's unopposed motion for attorney fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 406(b) (Dkt. No. 29). Under § 406(b)(1),

Whenever a court renders a judgment favorable to a claimant under this subchapter who was represented before the court by an attorney, the court may determine and allow as part of its judgment a reasonable fee for such representation, not in excess of 25 percent of the total of the past-due benefits.

Leckron agreed to pay Counsel 25% of her past-due benefits if her Social Security appeal was successful. (Dkt. No. 29-2 at 2.) Leckron received \$89,606.00 in past-due benefits. (Dkt. No. 29-3 at 2.) Accordingly, Leckron asks this Court to authorize an attorney fee of \$16,401.50.¹ (Dkt. No. 29 at 1.)

¹ This amount takes into account a recently-allowed agency fee of \$6,000. (Dkt. No. 29 at 1.)

1 The Commissioner does not oppose the request or the amount of fees. (*See* Dkt. No. 30 at
2 1.) The motion for attorney fees (Dkt. No. 29) is GRANTED. The Court authorizes attorney fees
3 in the amount of \$16,401.50 in accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 406(b). Counsel is directed to
4 refund Leckron \$7,809.14, the amount in attorney fees paid to Counsel under the Equal Access
5 to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412. (*See* Dkt. No. 29 at 1.)

6 DATED this 23rd day of January 2017.

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John C. Coughenour
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE